

Soviet aide: Iranians want peace

LONDON (R) — A senior Soviet official said Wednesday the Iranian people increasingly wanted an end to the Gulf war with Iraq, and even the Iranian authorities realised the conflict could not be won. At a London news conference, Lev Mendelevich, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Evaluation and Planning Directorate, echoed other Soviet spokesmen in saying the U.S. naval presence in the Gulf was liable to lead to unpredictable events like last Saturday's missile attack on the U.S. frigate Stark. Mr. Mendelevich called the seven-month-old Gulf conflict a "stalemate" war which neither side could win. The Iranian authorities considered they would be able to win, but now they know it's not the case," he said. Mr. Mendelevich said he had visited Tehran a couple of months ago. "My impression was that the understanding that the war must be finished perhaps was growing among the people," he said. Mr. Mendelevich, visiting London for talks with British Foreign Office officials, said the attack on the Stark by two Iraqi jets, although unprovoked, was "very dangerous and very unfortunate." Iraq has apologised over the incident, in which 37 American seamen died.

Volume 12 Number 3480

AMMAN, THURSDAY-FRIDAY MAY 21-22, 1987, RAMADAN 24-25, 1407

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

Jordan Times

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Times Foundation
جورنال تايمز توبون عن المؤسسة المصطنعة الأردنية للرأي

Envoy to Iraq sworn in

AMMAN (J.T.) — Retired Major General Hilmi Al Lawzi was sworn in on Wednesday before His Majesty King Hussein at the Royal Court as Jordan's ambassador to Iraq. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem and Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh. Prior to this post, Mr. Lawzi served as Armed Forces assistant chief of staff.

Holiday declared

AMMAN (Petra) — All ministries, government departments and public institutions will observe an official holiday on Monday, May 25, to mark Independence Day, an official communiqué issued by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai said Wednesday.

Escapees elude Israeli police

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli troops reinforced the southern border Wednesday to prevent six Palestinians who broke out of jail three days ago from escaping into Egypt, a newspaper reported. In the daring jail break, the six sawed off iron bars blocking a second story window, leapt into the courtyard and clambered over a wall to freedom. Israeli troops launched a massive manhunt for the fugitives, who are all from the occupied Gaza Strip, and warned the public they are dangerous. The six escaped Sunday from the prison in downtown Gaza City.

Former Libyan envoy attacked in Vienna

VIENNA (AP) — A former Libyan ambassador to Vienna, the target of a shooting two years ago, was attacked and slightly injured Wednesday at a busy downtown square, a senior police official said. Police said at least one shot was fired during the assault... but it was unclear whether the injury was caused by a bullet. The attacker escaped on foot. A Libyan passport had been found on the scene, and it was assumed to have been lost by the attacker, police said. Police spokesman identified the victim as Ezzeddin Ghadamsi, who resigned as ambassador to Vienna in 1980 after an apparent falling out with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi. A police official who asked for anonymity said the passport found on the scene was made out to Mohammad S.A. Al Hagg, born in Tripoli, Libya, in 1957. Mr. Ghadamsi, shot five times in an assault Feb. 28, 1985 by a lone gunman, had been hospitalised in critical condition with five bullet wounds to the chest and abdomen.

3 French fighter jets crash

PARIS (R) — Three French Mirage F-1 fighter planes crashed Wednesday in southeastern France while on a low-altitude training exercise, the Defence Ministry said. Two pilots were killed instantly and a third was missing after the crash outside the village of St. Chamond, near the city of Lyon, a ministry statement said. Air force command had launched an investigation to determine the cause of the accident, the most costly in terms of French military aircraft in recent memory, it said. The three planes, from the 30th fighter squadron at Reims, were flying along a predetermined course as part of an exercise to test navigation skills at low altitude.

INSIDE

- U.S. to protect Kuwaiti ships despite Stark attack, page 2
- SSC opens new branches to enhance coverage, page 3
- Reagan wants early end to Gulf war, page 4
- Last California condor captured in bid to save species, page 5
- India agrees to play Israel in Davis Cup, page 6
- Egypt finds new oilfield, page 7
- Fijians go on anti-Indian rampage, page 8

Police headquarters in Pretoria said six policemen were injured, four seriously. Also injured were four civilians, including a black woman and her husband, police said.

The independent South African Press Association said about 20 news photographers and television crewmen were taken into custody to police headquarters after they took pictures from the

Gorbachev reaffirms Soviet position on relations with Israel

U.S. reluctant to mediate Soviet-Israeli break

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in an interview published on Wednesday, said Moscow would restore diplomatic relations with Israel only if the Jewish state changed its aggressive policies and there was progress for efforts for peace in the Middle East.



Mikhail Gorbachev

On a possible summit with U.S. President Ronald Reagan, he echoed previous statements that substantive issues must be tackled.

"I won't play the tourist," he said, "but every politician must be a realist, and I think realism will win out."

On Israel, the Soviet leader remarked: "We don't have reason to assume a different attitude towards Israel than we do against any other country, except for one point — the aggressive policies of Israel in regards to the Arabs."

Shamir vows to fight government break-up

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Wednesday Israeli efforts to convene a Middle East peace conference were dead and declared that he would fight hard to prevent a break-up of the government over the issue.

Most Palestinians in Lebanon support Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat who has been at odds with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad for four years.

Pro-Syrian Lebanese leaders have charged Mr. Arafat was behind the bombings to discredit the Syrians.

The first explosion occurred at 10:05 a.m. and the others followed within 10 minutes. Two were set off in the Tel Aviv Khan neighbourhood.

A man, police said, was wounded in an attack near bank on the Corniche Mazraa commercial thoroughfare.

The new attack came on the heels of the arrest of Druze militia official, Imad Saab, and eight of his aides in connection with the bombing spree.

Mr. Saab, a Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) security officer, admitted in an interview with the state television Tuesday night that he had engineered 30 of the explosions since 7,500 Syrian sol-

Dynamite blasts persist in Beirut despite crackdown

BEIRUT (AP) — Saboteurs ignoring a Syrian army crackdown on bombers set off five dynamite explosions in west Beirut on Wednesday wounding a pedestrian.

Police said gunmen in two speeding cars hurled sticks and bundles of dynamite into garbage dumps, causing loud explosions and raising the number of such attacks to 116 since the Syrians moved in Feb. 22.

It was the first time that the dynamite blasts, which police say are aimed at undermining the Syrian initiative, have claimed any casualties. But three car-bomb explosions have killed eight people and wounded 19 since the Syrian intervention.

The first explosion occurred at 10:05 a.m. and the others followed within 10 minutes. Two were set off in the Tel Aviv Khan neighbourhood.

A man, police said, was wounded in an attack near bank on the Corniche Mazraa commercial thoroughfare.

The new attack came on the heels of the arrest of Druze militia official, Imad Saab, and eight of his aides in connection with the bombing spree.

Mr. Saab, a Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) security officer, admitted in an interview with the state television Tuesday night that he had engineered 30 of the

explosions since 7,500 Syrian soldiers deployed in west Beirut to end militia anarchy.

He said he wanted to "create confusion only" and claimed that Palestinians in the Beirut refugee camp of Mar Elias provided the dynamite.

Most Palestinians in Lebanon support Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat who has been at odds with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad for four years.

Pro-Syrian Lebanese leaders have charged Mr. Arafat was behind the bombings to discredit the Syrians.

Brigadier Ghazi Kanaan, Syria's military intelligence chief in Lebanon, charged on Monday that Mr. Saab was taking orders from the PSP's overall security chief, Jamal Karara, known as Abu Haitham.

In the interview, Mr. Saab said: "Abu Haitham issued the orders. He told us he would execute us if we failed to obey."

The PSP withheld comment. It was not clear who conducted the interview with Mr. Saab or where he spoke. The interviewer did not appear on camera and the voice was not that of the familiar Lebanese television announcers.

Security sources said Mr. Karara served with Mr. Arafat's Force-17, an elite unit of intelligence officers, before the PLO withdrew from Lebanon in 1982.

3 policemen killed in Johannesburg explosions

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Three policemen were killed and 10 people injured Wednesday when two bombs exploded outside a Johannesburg courthouse, police said.

Police spokesman at the Pretoria headquarters said they could not recall any previous bombing in which as many policemen had been killed.

A smaller blast at the courthouse entrance followed by a more powerful one in a car a minute later, occurred about 12:30 p.m. at the magistrate's court building at the edge of the city's financial district.

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok blamed the African National Congress (ANC) for the blasts.

Police headquarters in Pretoria said six policemen were injured, four seriously. Also injured were four civilians, including a black woman and her husband, police said.

The independent South African Press Association said about 20 news photographers and television crewmen were taken into custody to police headquarters after they took pictures from the

roof of a nearby building.

The blasts occurred on the fourth anniversary of the deadliest guerrilla bombing attack in South Africa, when 19 people were killed and more than 200 injured by a car-bomb that exploded outside a Johannesburg courthouse, police said.

Police spokesman at the Pretoria headquarters said they could not recall any previous bombing in which as many policemen had been killed.

A smaller blast at the courthouse entrance followed by a more powerful one in a car a minute later, occurred about 12:30 p.m. at the magistrate's court building at the edge of the city's financial district.

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok blamed the African National Congress (ANC) for the blasts.

Police headquarters in Pretoria said six policemen were injured, four seriously. Also injured were four civilians, including a black woman and her husband, police said.

The independent South African Press Association said about 20 news photographers and television crewmen were taken into custody to police headquarters after they took pictures from the

Fresh moves reported towards healing Arab rifts

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwaiti newspapers said Wednesday reported plans for fresh diplomatic efforts to heal rifts between Iraq and Syria, and Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Al Anha newspaper, quoting an unnamed member of the Palestine National Council (PNC), said a PLO envoy would visit Amman within the next two days to promote fresh links on Middle East peace moves.

It said the envoy of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, expected to be either his political adviser Hani Al Hassan or PLO Executive Committee member Jamal Al Sourani, might be accompanied by Osama Al Baz, a top adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The PLO envoy, the daily said, would carry a message from Mr. Arafat to King Hussein relating to "a need to clarify (ties) and start a new page of political coordination between the PLO and Amman on the basis of the February (11, 1985) agreement."

Mr. Arafat, in an Italian television interview broadcast Tuesday night and a separate interview with Epoch magazine, said the recent unifying of PLO factions need not hinder efforts to stage an international conference on Mideast peace.

Mr. Arafat said he felt the reunification of the PLO would be a positive factor in peace efforts, because "the unity of the PLO will help the unity of Arab nations."

"We Arab countries are living in the same period that you in Italy saw before the unification of Italy," he said.

The PLO envoy, the daily said, would carry a message from Mr.

Mine wounds 4 Israeli soldiers in Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Four Israeli soldiers were wounded Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded in South Lebanon as their patrol passed by, and a Lebanese resistance group claimed responsibility for the attack.

In the last few weeks, Israel has mounted an air offensive against Palestinian camps near the South Lebanese port of Sidon after a series of Katyusha rocket attacks and attempts to infiltrate the Galilee area.

In the South Lebanese port city of Sidon, the pro-Iranian portuguese organisation, Islamic Resistance, issued a statement saying its fighters had planted the roadside bomb near Nabatiyeh town.

It said the bomb exploded as a mechanised Israeli patrol passed by, and that an Israeli Merkava tank was destroyed and its crew killed.

Police said Palestinian fighters fired Soviet-made surface-to-air missiles, SAM-7s, at the jets. But all missed.

An Israeli spokesman said in

Second seeks to block bank records

GENEVA (R) — Retired U.S. air force Major-General Richard Secord, a key figure in the Iran-contra scandal, has appealed to the Swiss supreme court to block Geneva bank documents requested by U.S. investigators, judiciary sources said Wednesday. The U.S. Justice Department asked the Swiss government last December to freeze numerous bank accounts used for channelling funds and to hand over relevant records. Swiss officials have agreed to the request, and say they will hand over documents recording transactions by about 20 key participants in the scandal which broke last November. The documents cover American, Iranian, Swiss and Saudi Arabian individuals and companies linked with bank accounts at Credit Suisse in Geneva. They are expected to give the first clear account of the flow of money in the Reagan administration's secret operation which sold arms to Iran and diverted profits to rebels fighting the Nicaraguan government. It was not clear when Gen. Secord, a key figure in the scandal, filed the appeal with the supreme court in Lausanne. The court could take months to issue a ruling.

He also said the Palestine National Council (PNC), which met in Algiers last month, had passed "a specific resolution" to participate in an international conference for peace in the Middle East.

The PLO leader said his group's relations at present were "difficult" with Syria, as well as with Egypt, but he described the friction with Egypt as "just a passing cloud."

"We have the fullest trust in the wisdom and patriotism of Mubarak," he said.

On Libya, Mr. Arafat said there had been "misunderstandings" in the past, but he praised Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi for "working seriously to push the elements outside the PLO to reunite with the PLO."

Iraq reports downing Iranian F-4 in dogfight

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi warplanes on Wednesday shot down an Iranian F-4 jet fighter in a dog-fight over the northern Gulf, a Baghdad military spokesman said.

In the last few weeks, Israel has mounted an air offensive against Palestinian camps near the South Lebanese port of Sidon after a series of Katyusha rocket attacks and attempts to infiltrate the Galilee area.

The incident occurred in the central sector of Israel's self-designed "security zone," a 10-to-15-kilometres wide area patrolled by the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia and backed by about 1,000 Israeli soldiers.

In the South Lebanese port city of Sidon, the pro-Iranian portuguese organisation, Islamic Resistance, issued a statement saying its fighters had planted the roadside bomb near Nabatiyeh town.

Lebanese police said six warplanes crashed the sound barrier over Sidon and the camps of Ajn Al Hilweh and Mieh Mieh in repeated low runs at 5:20 a.m. Police said Palestinian fighters fired Soviet-made surface-to-air missiles, SAM-7s, at the jets. But all missed.

Sidon residents said Israeli warplanes on Wednesday swept low over the city and nearby Palestinian refugee camps.

Lebanese police said six warplanes crashed the sound barrier over Sidon and the camps of Ajn Al Hilweh and Mieh Mieh in repeated low runs at 5:20 a.m. Police said Palestinian fighters fired Soviet-made surface-to-air missiles, SAM-7s, at the jets. But all missed.

The incident occurred in the central sector of Israel's self-designed "security zone," a 10-to-15-kilometres wide area patrolled by the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia and backed by about 1,000 Israeli soldiers.

In the last few weeks, Israel has mounted an air offensive against Palestinian camps near the South Lebanese port of Sidon after a series of Katyusha rocket attacks and attempts to infiltrate the Galilee area.

The incident occurred in the central sector of Israel's self-designed "security zone," a 10-to-15-kilometres wide area patrolled by the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia and backed by about 1,000 Israeli soldiers.

In the last few weeks, Israel has mounted an air offensive against Palestinian camps near the South Lebanese port of Sidon after a series of Katyusha rocket attacks and attempts to infiltrate the Galilee area.

The incident occurred in the central sector of Israel's self-designed "security zone," a 10-to-15-kilometres wide area patrolled by the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia and backed by about 1,000 Israeli soldiers.

In the last few weeks, Israel has mounted an air offensive against Palestinian camps near the South Lebanese port of Sidon after a series of Katyusha rocket attacks and attempts to infiltrate the Galilee area.

The incident occurred in the central sector of Israel's self-designed "security zone," a 10-to-15-kilometres wide area patrolled by the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia and backed by about 1,000 Israeli soldiers.

In the last few weeks, Israel has mounted an air offensive against Palestinian camps near the South Lebanese port of Sidon after a series of Katyusha rocket attacks and attempts to infiltrate the Galilee area.

The incident occurred in the central sector of Israel's self-designed "security zone," a 10-to-15-kilometres wide area patrolled by the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia and backed by about 1,000 Israeli soldiers.

In the last few weeks, Israel has mounted an air offensive against Palestinian camps near the South Lebanese port of Sidon after a series of Katyusha rocket attacks and attempts to infiltrate the Galilee area.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rifai chairs royal committee meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Wednesday presided over a meeting of the Royal Committee for Administrative Development, which discussed issues relating to the new civil service system and salary scale of the higher category staff, including under secretaries, director generals of departments and public institutions. It was decided at the meeting that a special sub-committee, headed by the finance minister, will be set up to put forward proposals on these issues, in preparation for the next meeting of the royal committee.

Cabinet increases capital for spa complex

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet has decided to increase the capital of the Jordan Tourism and Spa Complex to JD 5 million. The Cabinet also took another decision approving the appointment of the Zakat (alms) Fund's board of directors. The board includes Mr. Deifallah Al Hmoud, Mohammad Ali Budeir, Abdul Muhib Ma'ayah, Hamdi Tabba'a and Kamal Asfour.

3 killed in week's accidents

AMMAN (Petra) — Three citizens were killed and 106 were injured in 266 road accidents which took place throughout Jordan last week. Last week accidents increased by 11.3 per cent over the week before, Public Security Department sources said on Monday. Although the number of accidents increased, the death toll remained the same during the past two weeks, while the number of injured decreased by 6 per cent, the source said. Most of the accidents took place in Amman Governorate which registered 146 accidents against 41 in Irbid, 30 in Zarqa, 17 in Balqa, 9 in the Badia, 6 in Karak, 6 in Ma'an, 5 in Aqaba and 3 in each of Mafrqa and Tafleeh governorates.

Military governor endorses sentence

AMMAN (Petra) — The military governor has endorsed the military court's verdict sentencing Usama Ali Jamil Ibrahim to three months in prison after convicting him of embezzlement of public funds.

Police holding unclaimed jewelry

AMMAN (Petra) — Criminal police have arrested a thief while he was trying to sell some gold jewelry to one of the jewellers. Since the criminal police department has not received any complaints and has not been informed about any thefts, it is therefore calling on anyone who has lost jewelry to call at the department to claim the seized items.

IPA endorses public sector training plan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Institute of Public Administration (IPA) has endorsed an integrated plan for training employees in the public sector, to be put into force in July, according to IPA Director General Abdulla Ulayyan. He said that the plan entails holding 25 training courses for employees of different categories, dealing with skills in management and public administration. The plan, he said, entails two long term programmes for promoting employees in government departments.

Road contract awarded to local firm

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Public Works Mahmoud Al Hawamdeh said that his ministry has recently awarded a tender to a consortium of local engineering offices to conduct evaluation and design studies for the 240 kilometre road stretching from Azraq to the Iraqi border. This road, the minister added, was subject to travel by vehicles with excessive axial loads during the past years which damaged large parts of it and warranted a technical study according to which the road will be reconstructed and strengthened. Work on the JD 47,000 study is expected to be finished this year while the construction tender will be floated next year.

Captain of frigate had only seconds of warning

(Continued from page 1)

for a long time. The Iranians decoy us our right to navigate in the Gulf and we have to retaliate," he said.

He said that Iraq has asked the United States to provide a full report on the attack. "We are still waiting for the American version of the whole story. It seems it is not prepared yet."

Mr. Aziz said that when the U.S. report is available "we can see whether the pilot has to be blamed or not."

"If he is to be blamed, his commander is going to take the necessary measures," he said, without elaborating.

In a related development, U.S. administration officials disclosed Tuesday night that U.S. intelligence agencies had intercepted some radio communications be-

Gorbachev reaffirms position on Israel

(Continued from page 1)

West was completely mistaken if it thought he was trying to introduce Western-style democracy into the Soviet Union and complained that sluggish bureaucrats were hampering his drive for change.

Asked to comment on some Westerners' fears that Moscow aims to use European 'detente' to split the Atlantic alliance, Mr. Gorbachev said: "As for driving wedges between Western Europe and the United States, this is, to put it mildly, nonsense..."

"The historical relationships between Western Europe and the United States or, say, between the Soviet Union and European socialist countries are a political reality."

"This must not be ignored if one is to pursue a realistic policy. A different approach could upset the existing equilibrium in Europe."

Mr. Gorbachev's remarks reaffirmed the Kremlin's belief in its right to influence in Eastern Europe and were an implicit rejection of the view that Moscow would be ready for a deal establishing a neutral, reunified Ger-

Preparations under way for CAEU meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Arab finance and economy ministers are scheduled to hold their 47th session meetings here on June 12th to discuss among other issues means of strengthening joint Arab economic action.

Secretary General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Mahdi Al Obeidi said that, during their two-day meetings, Arab ministers will also discuss reports on problems facing Arab economies, the economic situation in the occupied Arab territories, as well as proposals for dealing with negative effects from the international economic situation.

Mr. Obeidi added that there will also be working papers on the role of pan-Arab institutions in the Arab economies.



KING RECEIVES SUDANESE CLERIC: His Majesty King Hussein yesterday received at the Royal Court Sudanese religious leader Ahmad Al Mahdi on the occasion of the end of the cleric's

visit to Jordan. Mr. Mahdi thanked the King for the hospitality he received during the visit (Petra photo)

Australian, Jordanian firms sign contract for Zarqa project

protection of banks along the Zarqa river. The establishment of a central project administration will cost an additional JD 4.1 million (\$12.3 million).

The overall scheme, which runs to 1993, aims to develop safe land use, soil conservation and improved farming techniques on a farm-hay basis. Farmers will sign contracts to follow recommended procedures that have previously been adopted only in Australia. The project managers expect that about two-thirds of the 5,700 farms in the area will sign up.

The project is expected to help halt the present rate of erosion in the area, reduce silting in the King Talal dam and improve farm incomes on a sustainable basis.

The second, JD 4.6 million (\$13.8 million), sub-project will be for development of forests and other areas on government and private land. Consultancy work will probably be done by specialists from the Agriculture Ministry's forestry department and West Germany's technical aid agency, GIZ. Tenders for the third, sub-project to be limited to Arab consultants in joint venture with foreign firms, are to be issued in four months. This JD 2.1 million (\$6.3 million) section will deal with farmers.

Lecture on plant diseases to be held

AMMAN (J.T.) — A scientific lecture on the interaction of herbicides and plant diseases will be presented on May 23 at the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan. The lecture, to be held at 10:00 a.m., will be presented by Dr. Jack Altman, a professor of plant pathology at Colorado State University, in cooperation with Dr. Alexander von Humboldt, a professor at Hanover University.

Late British artist Fielding touched basic human level

By Margarette Hall
Special to the Jordan Times

mostly abstract, were exhibited in Jordan at the Alia Art Gallery in 1981.

Fielding attended the Sheffield College of Art and the Royal College of Art, and taught at the Leicester College of Art, and at Hornsey.

At the time, his recent still-life paintings were being shown in exhibitions at the Mappon Art Gallery in Sheffield and the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham. The exhibit traced the developments in Fielding's work from the 1960's to the present day.

The investigation of abstract forms and the obsessive use of recurring themes were central of Fielding's work. These themes were the subject of practical workshops for students during the exhibition.

Some of his earlier paintings.



Brian Fielding's "Vestonice Offer" painted shortly before the artist's death

SSC opens new branches to handle larger coverage

ZARQA (Petra) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Khalid Al Haj Hassan, who is also chairman of the board of directors of the Social Security Corporation (SSC), said on Wednesday that the SSC is preparing to implement the extension of coverage to all institutions, companies or firms employing five or more people, in addition to all Jordanians working for international and regional organisations, and diplomatic corps as of June 1.

The new stage will be applied optionally to institutions employing less than five persons.

The decision to expand the coverage of the SSC was made by the Cabinet on April 25th. The expansion is expected to cover an additional 50,000 people.

Opening a new branch for the

U.S. to provide financing for Jordanian importers

AMMAN (J.T.) — The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has established a Commodity Import Programme (CIP) to assist Jordan's public and private sectors.

Under a new financing arrangement, manufactured goods and raw materials, beneficial to Jordan's economic development can be imported under favourable terms by local companies.

Since the CIP was established in 1985, USAID has contributed \$105.5 million to create this financing facility. Over \$48 million in letters of credit have already been issued to more than 35 Jordanian firms by local banks for imports of U.S. goods.

"We have been encouraged by the success of the private-sector programme, particularly the assistance which it has given to Jordanian entrepreneurs and their contributions to the industrial development of Jordan's economy," said Francis A. Donovan, director of USAID's Commodity Management Office in Amman. "The programme welcomes more applicants from the private sector to make use of this unique facility," he added.

Under the private sector portion of this programme, USAID

pays U.S. exporters in dollars for goods approved for CIP financing. The Jordanian importer then pays the equivalent amount in dinars into a special account at the Central Bank of Jordan, ordinarily over a period of three to five years at interest rates which average 7 per cent. Funds in this special account are then used by the public sector for development projects agreed upon by Jordan and USAID.

Products eligible for financing under this programme include machinery and equipment, intermediate goods, raw materials, and spare parts. The programme does not finance consumer goods, luxury items, or products intended for re-export in essentially the same condition.

Major U.S. imports to Jordan under this programme have included draglines and other mining equipment, agricultural equipment, corn, tractors, telephone equipment, pumps, pharmaceuticals, computers, drilling equipment, tyres, and spare parts for trucks, tractors and aircraft.

Jordanian importers and entrepreneurs interested in the CIP programme should contact their local bank or USAID at 604171, extension 441.

Committee prepares for 3rd expatriate conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — A committee in charge of preparing for the 3rd conference of Jordanian expatriates has embarked on a number of measures designed to make the conference a success, a report in the Arabic daily Al Rai said on Wednesday.

The conference which will be held in Amman on July 13, will concentrate on issues pertaining

to relations between expatriates and their home country. Taking part in the four-day conference will be some 650 Jordanians working abroad, in addition to a number of participants who work in Jordan.

The preparatory committee is currently preparing working papers on Jordan's latest achievements.

Charity bazaar one of many night attractions for Ramadan



A view of the newly-built Hashemite Park in downtown Amman and the Roman amphitheatre on the right.



Jabel Al Hussein's bazaar bustles with life after iftar during Ramadan days (photo by Yousef Al Allan).

dent at the University of Jordan, set up the booths in this empty piece of land which was donated for one month. Mr. Jaber said that two years after the students graduate, they begin to repay the Charity Piastra Project in order to keep the system going.

According to Mr. Jaber, it took JD 10,000 to establish the bazaar. Each booth costs the merchant JD 150, plus an electricity bill and insurance payment. Asked whether it would be possible to carry on the activity throughout the summer, he replied: "It is a good idea and the people love to go outdoors at night. But it is up to the merchants if they want to continue through the summer."

Charity piastra bazaar

As one approaches the charity piastra bazaar, men on loudspeakers are heard trying to sell dresses for JD 1 each and music — Arabic and disco — blares out in the neon-lit disco. Outside the entrance, a fire engine is parked in case of an emergency. And inside, a new police van with several policemen inside sit and enjoy their soft drinks awaiting to settle any form of trouble.

Inside the bazaar, there are many men, women, and children walking around the market, till 2 in the morning. As the young ones play on the slides, see-saws, and swings in the middle of the bazaar, adults look for new clothes to wear for Eid Al Fitr, or buy household items, or look for a missing child.

There are 120 booths that sell shoes, clothing, accessories, toys, books, stationery, soft-drinks, soaps and detergents. One man on a loud speaker is saying: "Everything in this boutique for only JD 2," while another man right next to him shouts in his loud speaker: "Dresses for only JD 1!" There is a booth for video games, and a company has even displayed a solar energy collector.

In a large section of the bazaar, there are tables and chairs for people to sit, drink Arabic coffee, and smoke their araqas (water pipes).

Although, according to some of the merchants selling their products at the bazaar, most people are not buying much, there are still happy faces seen enjoying the night air. The children are especially grateful to be out of their houses and having fun at the mini-playground.

A bookseller says that although he is renting three booths for his books, he is not making much of a profit: "I sell from JD 20 to JD 50 a night, which is nothing. But I think it's important to display a large number and variety of books in such a market because it



Items priced at JD 1 each selling at the bazaar (Photo by Yousef Al Allan)



People of all ages are sitting through books at a bookshop stand at Jabel Al Hussein's open-air bazaar (Photo by Yousef Al Allan).

Jordan Times

An independent Arab political daily, published daily in English, by the Jordan Press Foundation, P.O. Box 6716, Amman, Jordan. Chairman of the Board of Directors: MAHMOUD AL-KAYED. Responsible Editor and Director General: MOHAMMAD AMAD. Editor-in-Chief: GEORGE S. HAWATMEH. Editorial and advertising offices: Jordan Press Foundation, University Road, P.O. Box 6716, Amman, Jordan. Telephone: 06/1214-6, 06/1214-7, 06/1214-8. Telex: 21497 ALRAJ JO. Facsimile: 06/1242. The Jordan Times is published daily except Friday. Subscription and advertising rates are available from the Jordan Times advertising department.

Misplaced hopes

IT IS indeed ironic to note that the Israeli Labour Party which is allegedly seeking peace with the Arabs through an international peace conference and is currently running a domestic and international campaign on a peace ticket could also be caught engaged in a relentless effort to outbid the Likud bloc as a more hardline party on the conditions of peace. This is happening against the backdrop of the political feud which is brewing between the two principal ruling parties in Israel over the issue of whether to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East. Only two days ago, spokesmen for the so-called peace party have been caught red-handed accusing the Likud bloc in the Knesset as having been too soft on the peace objective with the Arabs and as having sold the interests of the country too cheaply when it, as the ruling party under Menachem Begin, negotiated and concluded the Camp David accords with Egypt and precipitated evacuation from Egyptian territory. Thus, the lot of peace efforts in Israel is too confusing to comprehend: on one hand we have the Likud on record as opposed to the format of an international peace conference because it fears international pressure which could succeed in inducing Israel to withdraw completely from Arab territories; and on the other hand we have Labour on record as being in favour of the conference idea but professes to be more of a hardliner on the conditions of peace than the Likud.

Lest anyone forget it was under Labour rule that Israel waged its major wars against the Arab countries and set the process of colonisation of the occupied Arab territories. When the Likud assumed power, it too did not hesitate to wage war against the Arabs, and its infamous invasion of Lebanon which brought unprecedented death and destruction to that country has yet to be completely chronicled by military historians. Against this background we hear U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz saying in the wake of his recent talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in New York and Washington that neither the president nor himself are committed to an international conference and that neither of them is asking others to commit themselves now to the conference idea. Are we not right therefore in concluding that, given the environment of the projected peace conference our pinning too much hope on the conference is misplaced to say the least.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Threat from the Gulf

DESPITE the huge losses which the Gulf war has been causing over the past seven years and despite the danger it posed to world peace and security, the superpowers and the Western nations have so far been overlooking its existence. Above all, this war has been a rich ground for war mongers who exploited it for their own selfish interest and directly or indirectly helped to prolong the conflict as much as possible. But the attacks on the superpower vessels in the troubled waters of the Gulf region have now opened the eyes of the international community to the grave danger this conflict is posing to the world, and underlined the need for speedy action for stopping all hostilities. The attacks on the foreign ships in the Gulf represent a reminder to the world that the Gulf conflict was continuing, and that certain evil forces have been active in fuelling it while others looked on without doing anything to end the tragedy. The attacks clearly manifest the fact that the world has not yet taken serious steps towards bringing this conflict to an end, and that the longer the war lasts, the more danger will be posed to world peace and security. It is true that the U.S. arms deal with Iran caused a scandal in the United States and brought about condemnation from world nations, but the loss of American life on board the Stark frigate would no doubt bring the tragedy to every doorstep in the United States which ought to shoulder its responsibility as a superpower to help re-establish justice and peace worldwide.

Al Dustour: Peres' misleading talk

UPON returning to Israel, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres claimed that in his visit to the United States he was encouraged by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to pursue efforts for convening an international conference on the Middle East. But we have all heard Shultz's remarks in Washington and in the presence of Peres that Washington would not make any moves towards such conference unless this subject won the blessings of the Israeli coalition government. Everyone including Shultz realises that the present Israeli government led by Yitzhak Shamir adamantly refuses the idea of an international conference, and therefore any talk about the conference is a waste of time. In fact such talk, coming from any member of the Israeli government, is designed as misleading to world public opinion. The world has watched Peres being defeated by Shamir, his partner in the present government, and heard Washington announcing support for the Israeli government's position with regard to the international conference. There can be nothing in all that Israel and the United States think or do which might be helpful towards a lasting settlement. Unless and until the Arabs take the initiative and bring about a real change in the balance of power in the area, there can be no chance for such conference or for real peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: Stepping into boiling waters

THE Americans who have been fueling the Gulf war by supplying Iran with arms are now suffering from the fire they caused and the conflagration they helped to bring about. The attack on the American frigate in the Gulf region underlines the fact that the United States is clearly making wrong calculations with regard to the Gulf region and taking wrong steps in their approach to deal with the situation there. Even Washington's offer to provide protection to Arab states in the Gulf is looked on as insidious, because it could give cause to the emergence of further hostile feelings towards the United States, something which could escalate tension. The attack on the frigate brings to mind the tragedy of the spy ship Liberty which was hit by the Israelis during the 1967 war when the U.S. was trying to deal with the Middle East situation with ill-planning. Such miscalculations also brought further tragedy when the U.S. sent in troops to Lebanon, another troubled area of the Middle East, only to lose 200 men in a tragedy which they had helped to cause. The waters of the Gulf are very hot and boiling and only through careful and concerted efforts and goodwill can they be cooled and hostilities brought to an end.

U.S. wants Gulf war ended as quickly as possible

From USA

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee — The United States wants the "long, costly, destabilising and tragic" Gulf war ended as quickly as possible, President Reagan says. In response to written questions submitted by the Kuwaiti daily Al Qabas on May 12 — before the Iraqi missile attack on the USS Stark — Reagan said Washington is committed to ensuring the free flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz, and the collective self-defence of U.S. friends in the Gulf area. The text of the interview was released by the White House in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where the president was addressing high school graduates from the Hamilton County area. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said U.S. policy in the Gulf remains constant, despite the attack on the Stark. The president said Washington is "strongly interested" in seeing the Iran-Iraq war "brought to a speedy conclusion through negotiations which will preserve the sovereignty and territorial integrity" of both belligerents. Following is the text of the interview.

Question: Mr. President, you are determined to protect the flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz. Yet, some say your administration is not doing anything about bringing to an end the major cause of the threat, namely the Gulf war. There is a conviction in the area that your administration is taking advantage of that war in order to secure military facilities. Do you think that this reflects the reality of the American attitude?

The President: For more than six years, the war between Iran and Iraq has gone on, resulting in tremendous suffering and cost to Iran and Iraq, as well as bringing instability in the Gulf region. As I have said many times, the United States is deeply concerned over the war's continuation. We are strongly interested in seeing it brought to a speedy conclusion through negotiations which will preserve the sovereignty and territorial integrity of both Iran and Iraq.

I have urged the international community, in the appropriate forum and through the appropriate mechanisms, to work for an immediate cease-fire, negotiations, and withdrawal to the borders. In line with this general policy, we have been actively consulting with other interested governments regarding efforts to bring the war to a negotiated end. I have asked Assistant Secretary Murphy to visit the Gulf to consult on this and other important issues of mutual interest.

We believe the U.N. Security Council has an important role to play in the effort to end the Gulf war and would strongly support effective action by the United Nations to end this conflict. We have been consulting closely with the Arab League in efforts to gain support from other members of the Security Council. We welcome the effort by the Arab League in this regard.

Q: A lot of talk is being heard about adopting the idea of holding an international conference attended by all of the parties concerned to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict. Nevertheless, the American attitude is not clear. Would the United States agree to participate in such a conference if it is going to lead to the formation of two independent states, Israel and Palestine, and what would Arafat's role be?

A: We remain committed to a negotiated peace between Israel and all of its Arab neighbours. To this end, we have stated our willingness to explore all possibilities, including an international conference that might lead to direct negotiations and a peaceful settlement. Such a conference must lead promptly to direct negotiations and must not interfere with those negotiations.

In recent weeks, this process of exploration has produced what we believe to be significant progress toward negotiations which would offer serious prospects of reaching agreements between the parties on peace. Much remains to be done before one can safely

through Operation Staunch we try to persuade third countries not to supply Iran with arms, munitions, and dual-use items it needs to continue fighting. Operation Staunch is not directed

Showdown looms in South Africa's black rent boycott

By Rich Nkondo
Reuters

SOWETO, South Africa — One of the most sustained and expensive black protests against white rule in South Africa could be approaching a showdown.

For 11 months hundreds of thousands of tenants in some 50 black townships across the country have refused to pay rent to back a long list of demands, including the withdrawal of security forces from the townships and the release of political prisoners.

The rent strike is not only a massive gesture of defiance to the state, it has cost authorities an estimated 190 million rand (\$95 million) in lost revenue.

In Soweto township near Johannesburg, 40,000 of the 75,000 dwellings are council-owned, with rents between 52 and 120 rand (\$26 to 60) a month.

The state's initial response to the rent strike was an expensive poster campaign. Huge coloured billboards were erected in the townships proclaiming in the Zulu and Sotho tribal languages and in English that water and electricity services "are a bargain — but even bargains must be paid for."

Last week, the government tried a tougher tactic.

It served orders on black anti-apartheid leaders, including Winnie Mandela and Albertina Sisulu, threatening to evict them from their bungalow homes in Soweto if they did not pay rent arrears within seven days.

Mandela, wife of jailed black leader Nelson Mandela, and Sisulu, whose husband Walter is also behind bars, both say they will

not pay.

Scores of ordinary Sowetans have already been evicted for refusing to pay rent, leading to large-scale protests which included a three-day strike last month.

But any attempt to evict Mandela, Sisulu or other prominent black figures could trigger an explosion of violence in a township already highly politicised by its long history as a centre of black protest, residents said.

"They pressed the wrong button," said Sisulu, referring to the outburst of black anger that could accompany the eviction of her and Mandela.

"But I am happy they threatened us instead of widowers and pensioners who are helpless," Sisulu, leader of the United Democratic Front (UDF) anti-apartheid organisation, told reporters.

The Soweto town council and government officials say the boycott is beginning to break and more tenants have resumed paying rent.

Town clerk Nico Malan said: "We are now collecting over three million rand (\$1.5 million) a month, compared with the normal seven million (\$3.5 million)."

But the Soweto Civic Association, which launched the boycott, disputes this, saying the vast majority of Sowetans are still refusing to pay up.

According to research groups monitoring the boycott, at least 450,000 households, or four million people nationwide, were refusing to pay rent at the beginning of this year. More recent figures are not available.

In one of Soweto's busiest shopping centres, council policemen have removed graffiti saying "We will pay rent when Mandela tells us to."

The townships' black councils that are partly funded by the rent revenues are a key element in the white-led government's policy of meeting the demands by urban blacks for a political voice.

But anti-apartheid organisations, including the UDF which claims two million members, dismiss the councils as a sop aimed at ensuring the continued exclusion of blacks from politics at the national level.

In Soweto in 1978, turn-out for the election of black council members was less than six percent.

Blacks regard councillors as collaborators with the Pretoria government and they have been targets every time township violence has flared.

The Community Research Group (CRG), a human rights monitoring body based at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, said at least 36 black councils have collapsed because of the financial loss from the rent strikes.

Some political commentators have speculated that a hard line on the rent issue was to be expected after the National Party swept back to power in the white-only election on May 6 which saw a swing in the right.

The commentators note that the government has begun to enforce apartheid laws such as the group areas act, which decrees where people can live according to the colour of their skin, more strictly.

By Angus Macswan
Reuters

SAN SALVADOR — A wave of protests by unions and students poses a new challenge to President Jose Napoleon Duarte as disillusionment grows with his government and its failure to end El Salvador's eight-year-old civil war.

Tens of thousands of workers, peasants and students have marched through the capital in three rallies this year calling for Duarte to resign.

The United States is a solid supporter of Duarte and a key source of aid to the government troops fighting leftist guerrillas in the civil war. The U.S. embassy has become a focus of the recent demonstrations.

Leftist students demanding an end to the U.S. involvement last month burned an effigy of Uncle Sam outside the heavily-fortified embassy, hammered on its gate and hurled flaming torches into the compound.

"We are going to have more marches, more strikes," said Marco Tulio Lima, secretary-general of the National Union of Salvadoran Workers (UNTS).

The government says the UNTS is a front for the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), the Marxist-led guerrilla alliance.

"I am critical of the government and the United States. That does not make me a guerrilla," Lima said.

Whatever the relationship, a channelling of discontent into political support is vital to the FMLN as it is unlikely to win a battlefield victory over the military.

The Nation, a left-leaning

newspaper, recently reported that the Reagan administration has tried to divide and destroy the Labour movement because it poses a threat to U.S. interests.

Unpopular austerity measures, rising prices, swelling unemployment and the misery caused by a devastating earthquake last October fuelled discontent with Duarte, who was elected in 1984.

Anti-government graffiti seems to be sprayed on almost every wall in San Salvador's seedy.

The UNTS calls for Duarte's resignation and demands a negotiated end to the war with a role for the left in a power-sharing government.

Duarte is a figure who was chosen by the United States for their plan," said Lima. "The Yankees are financing the war. They put the emphasis on a military solution. We want a Salvadoran solution."

Troops have stopped buses of people coming into the city for rallies.

"Unlike the popular organisations of the late 1970s, the UNTS has failed to find an ally in the Roman Catholic Church."

Auxiliary Archbishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez, at a mass in March commemorating the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, criticised the left for politicising his memory. Romero was shot by suspected rightist gunmen in 1980.

As he spoke workers chanted revolutionary slogans in the square outside the cathedral and students hurled paint bombs at the U.S. embassy.

proposal, it is the firm view of the United States that self-government by the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan offer the best chance for a durable, just and lasting peace.

Q: Gorbachev rejected your invitation to visit Washington, D.C., on the ground that he does not want to waste his time. Does your administration feel that, as a result of the Iran-contra affair, it has lost the international stature it needs to carry on strategic debates with Moscow?

A: The U.S.-Soviet relationship is just as competitive and will likely remain that way. At the same time, the United States seeks to ensure that this competition remains peaceful and as stable and predictable as possible.

We have established a framework, based on realism and political and military strength, that provides the basis for a productive U.S.-Soviet dialogue in all areas of concern to us: Arms control, bilateral exchanges, human rights and regional issues.

Through this dialogue, including two meetings between myself and General Secretary Gorbachev, the United States has made progress in a number of areas, including arms control, bilateral exchanges, human rights and regional issues. But in other areas, such as regional conflicts, we remain very far apart.

My invitation to General Secretary Gorbachev remains open. We're ready for hard and fruitful work ahead. I hope the Soviets are as well.

Q: The state of Kuwait is a firm believer in neutrality and maintains a policy of balance between East and West in their international relations. Her position on the battlefield between Iran and Iraq has exposed her to further difficulties and dangers. What is your evaluation of Kuwait's role in that conflict within the overall relationship between our two countries?

A: We have had long and harmonious relations with Kuwait and all the Gulf states. With Kuwait our relationship goes back to the early days of its independence some 26 years ago.

We admire Kuwait's many achievements. Because of our strong ties with Kuwait and the other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, and the common interests we share in stability in the region, we have been in close discussions for some time with all the GCC states on the war and the danger it poses. I have made it clear on numerous occasions that the United States would regard an expansion of the war as a major threat to its interests as well as to that of its friends in the region. We understand the difficult situation in which Kuwait has been placed by the pressures stemming from the Iran-Iraq conflict.

We admire the courage and diplomatic skill with which Kuwait has met these pressures.

Q: Capitalism and free enterprise are well-established principles in the West. You are an advocate of non-intervention by states in the functions of the private sector. Aren't Western governments denying these principles in their

With respect to the three countries you mention, let me clarify a few points:

— The United States did not freeze Argentine assets. We merely suspended programmes of the Export-Import Bank with regard to that country for a limited period.

— The Iranian case was extraordinary in that it involved a government which had committed flagrant violations of well-established principles of international law. Iran was holding U.S. diplomats hostage.

— Libya directly supports international criminals who perpetuate senseless acts of terror not only against Western and African countries but also against Muslim states. As a direct response to Libyan terrorist attacks against the United States, Libyan government assets in the United States were frozen. Interest on those assets continues to accrue to the accounts of the Libyan government. Investments by private Libyan citizens have not been affected.

No responsible nation should feel threatened by sanctions taken in such circumstances. In fact, we believe they should support them.

— The Iranian case was extraordinary in that it involved a government which had committed flagrant violations of well-established principles of international law. Iran was holding U.S. diplomats hostage.

— The UNTS, linking about a dozen organisations and claiming 250,000 members, has spearheaded the revival of protest since it was formed in February 1986.

Unpopular austerity measures, rising prices, swelling unemployment and the misery caused by a devastating earthquake last October fuelled discontent with Duarte, who was elected in 1984.

Anti-government graffiti seems to be sprayed on almost every wall in San Salvador's seedy.

The UNTS calls for Duarte's resignation and demands a negotiated end to the war with a role for the left in a power-sharing government.

— Duarte is a figure who was chosen by the United States for their plan," said Lima. "The Yankees are financing the war. They put the emphasis on a military solution. We want a Salvadoran solution."

The government says the UNTS is a front for the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), the Marxist-led guerrilla alliance.

Auxiliary Archbishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez, at a mass in March commemorating the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, criticised the left for politicising his memory. Romero was shot by suspected rightist gunmen in 1980.

</

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.6877/87	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.3460/70	Canadian dollar	
1.7690/7700		West German marks	
2.9940/50		Dutch guilders	
1.4500/10		Swiss francs	
36.64/67		Belgian francs	
5.9190/9240		French francs	
1283/1284		Italian lira	
139.55/65		Japanese yen	
6.2050/100		Swedish crown	
6.5775/5825		Norwegian crowns	
6.6550/6600		Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	480.50/481.10	U.S. dollars	

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The threat of a fresh crisis over lending to Third World countries and an oil price showing a narrowing in the gap between the ruling Conservatives and the main opposition Labour Party pushed shares down sharply Wednesday morning and kept prices near the lows throughout the day, dealers said. By 1416 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 40.9 to 2,173.4, after an earlier low of 2,170.7.

Wall Street's sharp sell off overnight looked set to be continued at the opening there Wednesday and could send shares here yet lower in late trading. Rising U.S. inflation and interest rates have been worrying U.K. investors recently.

Long-standing worries about Third World bank debt exposure were resurrected on Wednesday after news that Citicorp is adding \$3 billion to its loan loss reserves and foresees a second quarter loss of \$2.5 billion.

A statement from the Bank of England that it expects a continuing increase in the level of provisions at U.K. banks for potential loan losses in the sovereign lending sector further deepened the gloom surrounding bank shares here.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: If you have anything of particular importance to be attended to, it should be done now to avoid the delays and obstacles on the horizon. Don't do anything drastic.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can handle a private affair very wisely. Roll up your sleeves and get to work with a vengeance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Listen to the views of a good friend. Your mate may be disturbed, but keep poised and take this in stride.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You can handle an outside matter with alacrity. Don't try to get the aid of others with your projects.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You get an inspiring idea today, so get it in motion. Use tact and tenacity for best results.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Settle an account wisely. Should your mate be moody, blame it on the planets.

SHOULDER THAT YOU CAN BE PATIENT.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) An outside associate has good ideas for your mutual advancement. Don't invite guests into your home now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's a good day to listen to what an outside partner has to advise. Much care in driving is needed today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try a new tact with the tasks before you and get good results. Try not to commit yourself now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get out to fun places and forget your worries, but don't try to force your ideas on others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Place your efforts on home and family today. A close tie may be upset, but take this in stride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Place more effort on your regular duties. Forget the social life all together. Get your wardrobe in order.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Think about how to handle your material affairs in a better way. Don't try to gain favors from bigwigs.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will be one of those charming young people who should be taught to think along more conventional lines. By not completing things, your progeny could find much trouble, especially in school. Add psychology courses to help curb this child's spunk.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today finds you able to get to those who have the knowledge or the power to make your dreams come true. But wait for more specific plans before taking action.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get your tasks well organized. Curb that tendency to go after your personal aims too quickly.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A fine pal is helpful with your personal goals. Try not to be too demanding with your mate.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have an opportunity to get a worldly matter in fine order. Not a good day to push your personal wishes.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You get a sudden inspiration! Get a good start on your activities. Venture out and be social tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Find the proper way to keep any promises you have made. Don't go off on any tangents that could prove dangerous.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A long talk with an outside partner may bring good results. Be patient with your mate and don't criticize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You know how to handle present tasks more efficiently. Don't permit an associate to bother you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan time for the recreations you like. Be most conscientious in handling your work load.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make everything at home as you want it to be, then handle difficult problems in creative matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study every phase of the messages you get, then answer them. Be patient in any home situations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can handle your practical affairs well. Be careful in your correspondence or telephone calls.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You can gain your personal ambitions now. Don't do anything that could endanger your security.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will be most capable at understanding idealistic ideas and carry through with them to a successful conclusion, but the adulthood is apt to be unstable in this area. Self control will soon be learned, however, and then much success is possible here.

W. Germany to reduce stake in national airline

FRANKFURT (R) — Lufthansa, the West German airline, said Tuesday the government would reduce its stake in the company.

The airline said it planned to raise \$10 million marks (\$450 million) by issuing new shares, but that the government would contribute only 312 million marks (\$173 million).

"That means that the share of private shareholders will rise," Lufthansa said in a statement.

Public authorities would still own over 75 per cent of the airline after the transaction. The federal government, the post office, railways, a state bank and the state of North Rhine-Westphalia now own 82 per cent of all Lufthansa shares and 90 per cent of shares with voting rights.

The political sources believed Mr. Strauss was still opposed to privatising the airline but said he would not have objected in this reduction in the government's stake, which maintains state control.

Since 1982, the government has privatised the industrial giants Veba and it also plans to sell its share of carmaker Volkswagen to the public.

World Bank approves \$500m credit to Argentina

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank on Tuesday approved \$500 million in credit to support fundamental reforms in Argentina's foreign trade.

A statement by the 151-nation body said the loan was designed to make Argentine exports more competitive. The credit was extended for a 15-year period, including three years of grace, at a variable interest rate, currently at 7.92 per cent.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank, which assists in eco-

nomic and social development, said that in addition to the loan, it is considering a project of export promotion that would remove all the barriers on the country's foreign trade.

That would include a three-year phasing out of all restrictions on the import of raw materials to Argentina in order to promote industrial growth, the statement said.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new programme would encourage international bankers to make additional investments in Argentina and result in economic growth, the creation of new jobs and a healthy balance of payments in Argentina.

The bank said the new

Racial violence erupts in Fiji

Governor-general holds talks with chiefs

SUVA (R) — Racial violence erupted in Suva Wednesday leaving some 35 Indians injured as Governor-General Sir Penia Ganilau appealed for calm and held talks with Fijian chiefs to restore democracy after last week's coup.

Central Suva was deserted Wednesday night after ethnic Indians fled the business district to escape gangs of indigenous Fijian youths roaming the normally busy streets.

The men, women and children were injured when Fijian mobs attacked Indians at a rally in support of Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra's government which was ousted in a military takeover on May 14.

Bavadra, released from detention Tuesday night by coup leader Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, had planned to address the rally but did not show up following the disturbances.

Fijians hurled rocks and bottles into the crowd and in nearby streets Indian-owned shops, cars and taxis were wrecked.

4 Japanese held in Tokyo for allegedly selling U.S. secrets

TOKYO (Agencies) — Four Japanese men passed on U.S. military documents to Soviet and Chinese buyers for several years, police charged Wednesday. U.S. military officials were investigating the extent of the possible security damage.

The four suspects include a current and a former employee of U.S. military facilities.

Police said the men are suspected of selling documents to Soviet diplomats and Chinese buyers, but that no details were available on the alleged deals with the Chinese, who may or may not have been government officials.

The four men were arrested Tuesday after one allegedly attempted to give U.S. military documents to a Soviet diplomat in a Tokyo park.

Police said they seized documents and equipment that pointed to a long-time operation that included transactions in a cemetery and orders issued by short-wave from the Soviet Union.

They said the four received a total of more than \$714,000 for the documents.

U.S. military officials, who initially alerted Japanese police to the matter, refused to comment on the nature of the documents involved.

Boeing admits faulty repairs contributed to JAL crash

SEATTLE, Washington (AP) — The Boeing Co. has admitted its faulty repairs were one of the causes of a Japan Air Lines (JAL) crash that killed 520 people in history's worst single-plane accident.

Boeing is being sued in King county superior court by families of 77 victims. JAL was dropped from the lawsuit late last week by the families.

Preliminary drafts of a

the islanders — both Fijians and Indians.

The sources said a number of council members were in favour of passing a vote of no confidence in Ganilau which could pave the way for Fiji becoming a republic. However, no formal statement has yet been made.

Indians slightly outnumber the Fijians in the nation's 714,000

population. Fijian anger grew after Dr. Bavadra's Indian-dominated coalition defeated the Fijian-supported Alliance Party in elections last month.

Ganilau, appointed by Britain's Queen Elizabeth who is also Fiji's head of state, refused to swear in Col. Rabuka as the caretaker government.

The governor-general, in a proclamation Wednesday, declared vacant the office of the prime minister and all his appointees pending new elections. He earlier said he was assuming executive authority with the agreement of Col. Rabuka.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.

Ramphal said in a statement issued in London that the 49-state organisation, which consists of Britain and its former colonies and territories, was ready to offer assistance to Ganilau.

Ganilau delayed announcing his own panel of advisers to run the government pending a recommendation from the council of chiefs.

Diplomatic sources said the governor-general's hesitation reflected the weakness of his position against the traditional power of the chiefs and the military authority of Col. Rabuka.

Col. Rabuka appealed for calm over state radio Wednesday and stressed that the army was still out in force and would deal with any acts of public disorder.

The Commonwealth has offered its support to Fiji's governor-general in helping to restore the Pacific island nation to democracy. Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal said Tuesday.